WHEREAS, the 21st day of December, 1972, is the shortest and dreariest day of the year, and newsmen are notorious for having the longest nights and faces in the Capital City, it is only bound and right that this day, set forth in this document, known for its cold and tedious hours, should be established in special recognition of the creation of the first, formidable, tolerable and all-exclusive Pierre Press Corps; and,

WHEREAS, this same group has formed what modestly must be referred to as a first in capital news coverage, a real first in style of organization, and probably the last organization of its kind to be allowed to spring forth in the upper archives of the Capitol Building; and,

V HEREAS, and because, for elaborate and extensive, accurate accomplishment towards a never-ending striving to improve on the lasting and worthwhile, and for benevolent and unheralded accomplishment:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 21, 1972, as

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and urge some citizens of the State to observe this day in a manner befitting the new organization, its members and their goals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of SouthDakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 18th day of December, in the Year Of Our Lord, Mineteen Hundred and Seventy-Two.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE